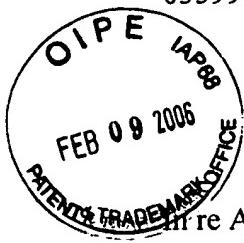


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AMENDMENT

Sir:

A. Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action dated January 4, 2006, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.